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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED AVAILABILITY OF IN-COUNTRY TRAINING FOR CUSTOMS OFFICERS THROUGH CCINC WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL C.GOOSSENS AND FIRST COUNSELOR P.VANGERVERN (AFFAIRES CONTENTIEUX; INCLUDES ENFORCEMENT) OF BELGIAN ADMINISTRATION OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISES. THEY WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO DISCUSS WITH U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE THE POSSIBILITY OF ORGANIZING A TRAINING SESSION IN BELGIUM. THEY AND EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION ASAP ABOUT CUSTOMS SERVICE REP'S TRAVEL WITH VIEW TO ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF BOTH GOOSSENS AND VANGERVERN IF POSSIBLE. CUSTOMS SERVICE SHOULD NOTE THAT BELGIANS LIKE MOST OTHER EUROPEANS MAY BE VACATIONING DURING WEEK AFTER EASTER. GOOSSENS AND VANGERVERN SPEAK FRENCH AND DUTCH; EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE TRANSLATION IF NECESSARY.

2. EMBOFF FOUND BELGIANS' INTEREST IN CUSTOMS TRAINING STRONGLY
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INFLUENCED BY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION THEY HAD OF DEA IN-COUNTRY

TRAINING SESSION THAT FOUR OF THEIR AGENTS ATTENDED AT
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